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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly amend page 1, first paragraph as follows:

A1  
This application is a continuation-in-part of serial number 09/648,617,  
filed August 28, 2000, now abandoned.

Kindly amend page 4, second paragraph as follows:

A2  
Figure 4 is a side elevation view of a second embodiment of the  
~~filtering~~ filtering apparatus of the present invention illustrating the details of the  
fluid holding tank;

Kindly amend page 6, last paragraph as follows:

A3  
The tank 12 utilized in the cleaning apparatus of the present invention  
is modified to optimize the cleaning operation. ~~A~~ As illustrated in Figures 4 and 5,  
the tank 12 is provided with a sloping bottom 70 which slopes in both of the linear  
directions of the tank 12 to provide a low point at one corner of the tank where the  
inlet line 22 to the centrifugal separator 40 is located. Alternatively, the bottom 70  
may be V shaped to provide a low point near the center bottom of one wall. The  
low point is located at the opposite end of the tank from the inlet return pipe 72  
from the stamping machine. By providing the tank with the bottom sloping away  
from the inlet return pipe 72 from the stamping machine, very heavy contaminants  
will have greater time to settle out in the tank and accumulate at the low point to be  
more easily removed by the centrifugal separator.

Kindly amend page 7, last paragraph as follows:

A4  
A third embodiment of a centrifugal separating apparatus of the  
present invention is illustrated in Figures 6, 7 and 8 having more than one  
centrifugal separator 80 connected in parallel. The apparatus has an inlet feed pipe  
from the fluid tank connected to an inlet manifold 82 to which a plurality of  
centrifugal pumps 84 are connected to pump the fluid through the centrifugal

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separators 80. The outlet inlet of each pump 81 is provided with a ball valve to allow the individual separator to be taken out of operation for cleaning and maintenance without affecting the other separators. The outlet of each pump is also provided with a suitable pressure gauge 88 and is connected to the inlet of an individual centrifugal separator 80 to pump the fluid into the separator 80 at a flow rate and pressure to allow for optimum operation of the separator. The fluid introduced into the separators 80 causes the rotors in the separators to rotate and clean the fluid by causing the contaminants to be deposited on the interior surfaces of the separator bowls. After the fluid has been cleaned in the separators it is returned to a return manifold 90 connected to each individual separator by a return pipe 92 provided with a check valve 94 to prevent backflow of fluid into the separator 80 when the separator is not running such as for maintenance and a flow meter 96 to measure the flow rate of the fluid exiting the separator. The return manifold 90 is connected to the fluid tank of the stamping machine through suitable outlet piping or tubing. A drain hose with a suitable valve is also provided to allow the individual separators to be drained for cleaning. The operation of this system is controlled by a control panel.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicant proposes to amend Figure 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 as shown in the attached figures where the changes are set forth and ready.